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To my sons in law George and Robert Green, mourning. Overseers: Friends Colonel Samuell Barwick and Colonel William Sharpe, Mr. John Witham and my brother Mr. George Butler. Witnesses: John Hawkesworth, George Green, Robert Legard, John Witham. Commission 7 October 1695 to Willowby Chamberlaine Esq. brother of Segrave Chamberlaine, late of St. James Garlickhithe, London, deceased.

Commissary of London, Register 1695, fo. 214.

[There is no evidence that the nephew, John Chamberlaine, settled in Virginia. He was probably on a trading voyage.—ED.]

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THE FERRAR PAPERS

At Magdalene College, Cambridge.

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(CONTINUED)

We have seen how the London Company, guided by Sir Edwin Sandys and John Ferrar, in 1619, sent out Sir George Yeardley to be Governor of the infant Colony. Sandys was one of the most prominent supporters of the Company, and in his efforts to develop the new country he was well supported by the Ferrars, Nicholas Senior and his two sons, John and Nicholas, the Deputies. The father's name does not appear in these Virginia Records of James I's time, he being then an old man and dying in 1620 at the age of 75; but his activity in Queen Elizabeth's reign towards founding Virginia was pronounced. For his public services in this line he, already a "gentleman" by birth, was granted on 29 Dec., 1588, a special Ferrarian coat of arms and crest, differing from those of all other Ferrars who possessed arms, and it is still used by his descendants; and he

was officially styled *Esquire* by the Queen, a word which in those days was a title and not the unmeaning thing it has now come down to.

Sir Edwin Sandys, of whom there is an excellent portrait in "The First Republic in America," was son to the Archbishop of York, and was a distinguished student, graduate, and Fellow at Oxford. He travelled in Europe and was an Author and Statesman, but towards the end of his life he fell into disfavour with James I in connection with the "Virginia business." He died in 1629 at the age of 68, down to which time he kept up an intimate connection with John Ferrar on both Virginia and private affairs. Among these Cambridge papers are twenty-three letters of his addressed to John Ferrar from his house at Northborne in Kent. He had also a house in Aldergate, London, just as the Ferrars had their house in St. Osyth's (now Sise) Lane, near Aldergate, in which the Virginia Company used to hold their quarter meetings. I append copies of two of the shortest of these letters *verbatim et literatim*, together with the photographic half-size copies. The originals are on large paper, one having its own envelope addressed: "To my very worthie frend M^r John Ferrar, at his house in St. Sithes Lane in London," and sealed in red wax, with his arms; *or, between three crosslets a fesse dancette gules*; crest undecypherable. (The crest of the present Sandys family is a *Gryphon segreant*.) Dated 7 Sept^r 1622. The other letter, dated St. Luke: 1619, a leaf of foolscap, no envelope. He was then (18th Oct.), President of the Council and Ferrar the Deputy; and the letter is about Virginia.

I also append the copy of Abraham Peirse's letter to Sir Edwin promised *supra*, p. 284. He is described in John Ferrar's endorsement of the letter as a "Cape Merchaunte," *i. e.*, Cape of Good Hope.* On one leaf of paper, its own envelope; red wax seal bearing his Merchant Mark and A. P. in monogram: dated James Cittye the 24th May, 1621. Peirse had gone out in charge of the Magazine, or Store-ship, of the Company in 1616. He was a man of character and soon made him-

*The "Cape Merchant," of Virginia, was a sort of treasurer and keeper of the general store.—ED.

self a personage in the new country. In 1626 he, William Ferrar, and others were named by Charles I as members of Council to the then newly appointed Governor Sir George Yeardley. He acquired considerable landed property, but it is not known to the writer whether any of that property still remains with his descendants; nor, indeed, is it known whether any descendants are now living.

M. LL. FERRAR,
of Little Gidding.

ix. Feb. 1903.

S^r: I accounted myself much beholden to y^a for y^{or} so kynd visitation of me at NorthBorn. Y^{or} courteous acceptance of so ordinarie entertainment (for y^a were my friend & familiar) dooth double y^{or} deserts. And y^a have trebled them by the iournie y^a have made for me to Sion. For all wth I return y^a three-fold thanks & affliction: wth shalbe ready to expresse itself really in y^{or} service, upon all fit occasions. I pray y^a not to faile to keep y^a Court on wendsday y^a may please (if y^a see the Companie fit & in tune) to acquaint them that I am not idle in their business: wth at the Coort myself will make known unto them. If y^a fynd anie crosse proceedings, make a motion to have them referred to the quarter Coort approaching. Let them knowe there are no generall letters to the Company come to my hands. Those to the Council I have a good while since caused to be presented to them: but they contain no matters of speedie consultation. That wth dooth concern the companie, shalbe brought to them in fit tyme. If wrong be offered y^a may make those of the Council wth are not factious, to goe from the Coort & y^{or}self goe with them, rather than the publick good or justice should be oppressed by faction. But I hope there wilbe no such proceeding.

I send y^a here two letters from M^r. Barbor for y^{or} comfort But keep the contents very secret to y^{or}self.

There y^a fynd my case in £100 to be paid to y^a.

The £300 for me (being of his owne monie) is to be supplied for a few weeks till my owne receipts come in. ffor I will make bold (seeing it wilbe this day fortnight when I set out from home) to put into y^{or} hands my gains of £300 to the East Inde Companie at their Day, the 29th of this instant. And for the

Mr. Knight,

I still the last moment of leaving away, I had forgotten
to write you a list of their names both young men &

Of Dignities of those that have still in

* To be found in breeding sile worms, and such as know how to handle
the above combis and these place for the managing of our sile goods,
especially about
Cambridge & Lan: off the company will not have most of their ships continue
only to returne home empty, there would be good
members for it out and sent. Because the best ways
I must abruptly take my leave. Yours most humble
John Pory

Cambridge
Jan. 14. 1619.

other £200 will take the best order that in absence I can. ffore I am exceeding louth to faile of one hower of my due tyme: w^{ch} I knowe wilbe marked Therefore make also this addition to y^{or} Kyndness toward me: I mean y^{or} care of this paiment: If the Q y^a write of will goe in person to Virginia for my part I shalbe be readie to further it: providing fir conditions for the frend who is there. But hereof more fully at the meeting. now in hast I must end. All here hartily salute y^a Gods protection be wth y^a. So prayeth

Y^{ore} most assured frend

EDWIN SANDYS.

Northborn St. Luke: 1619.

Remember my desire to S^r W. C.

[Addressed] To my very worthy Frend M^r John Ferrar Deputy to the Company of Virginia.

[Endorsed] Sir E. Sandys, North: to John Ferrar S. Luke 1619.

S^r: I wish I were as well able to relieve y^a in y^{or} cares and pains for Virginia; I doe much commiserate you, beeing continually afflicted wth such crosses & discouragements. But God I trust will give issue through all those difficulties. I am glad y^a have for a Beginning provided so much corn. This Corn approaching will give means I hope for more.

I am sorie my Ladie wyatt is so crossed also in hir means. I must confesse, for hir owne sake, I could wish she stayed at home. But it would add a great encrease to former doubt & discouragement: w^{ch} how great they are, may be coniectured by want of passengers for that good ship. This week I hope to hear from y^a Better and more certain news. Y^{or} business for Summer Ilands grows I see to maturitie. I shalbe very glad to be visited by Mr. Barnard. And therefore I will receive my letters here till his coming.

I should be glad to hear how the companie hath accepted my pains. Their good acceptation beeing all the reward I desire from them.

ffor my Cedar trees, though you mention them not I dowt not of y^{or} remembrance to give orders for them.

My wife I thank God is already in hir usual sort recovered: and we hope of better. We both salute yⁿ wth y^{or} good brother, of whose mending health I am very glad to heare. Adieu.

Your ever assured,

EDWIN SANDYS.

Northborn 1. Septemb: 1622.

[Addressed] To my very worthy frend M^r John Ferrar, at his House in St Sithes Lane in London.

[Endorsed] From S^r Edwin Sandys September 1622.

Right Wo^r :

My last was by the Tryall of London not doubting my l^{re} is saffly come to yo^r hands, & have yours but in the General l^{re} to the Comp^a a cōpye of the Accom^p of the business—which you desired of me wth a — of the fishing voyage by the George to new foundland — in good Tobaccōe for the business I have therein proffered my self to the Generall l^{re} beeing sorry the Country is not provided of any good thing, Tobacco excepted, whereby I might in it show my thankfullnes unto you desiring yoⁿ wth earnestness that you would except of a small rundlett of sturghion of our Virginia makinge, not doubting but that you will except my goodwill although the Guift not worth providing; hoping it will prove to bee as good at yo^r service as y^e was the Sume of happiness desiring of the most Highest, Longe liffe, wth healthe, prosperity to you & yo^r, & good success to the pl[']tacon of Virginia.

Yo^r in any service to bee commanded,

ABRAH: PEIRSEY.

James Cittye, the 24th May, 1621.

[Addressed] To the Right Wo^r Sir Edwin Sandys, Knight.

Bona nova god p[']serve.

[Endorsed] From M^r Percy, Cape merchaunte, the 24th may, 1621, to S^r E. Sandys.

1 hath sent to the Generall Company the accounts of the George.

2 hath sent a rundlett of sturdgeon.

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